

MILO GARDNER has resided in Carbondale since 1876 and holds the responsible position of engineer on the Delaware and Hudson Railroad, in which capacity his services have been most satisfactory to the officials of the company. For the success he has achieved and the perseverance he has shown in all his work, he deserves credit, especially when it is remembered that he was orphaned at an early age and was obliged to make his own way from boyhood.

The parents of our subject, Jeremiah and Matilda (Carpenter) Gardner, died at the ages of thirty-three and thirty-six respectively, leaving three children, Milo, Nelson, and Waty. The father, who was a farmer of Susquehanna County and a man of great industry and energy, enlisted in the Union Army for service in the Civil War, but died two weeks after his enlistment. At that time our subject, who was born April 19, 1859, in Factoryville, was a child of six years and the eldest of the two boys and one girl. His widowed mother, thus left without means, experienced many hardships and trials from the death of her husband until her own demise. From the farm she moved to Abington Township, this county, and there died.

At the age of eight our subject was taken into the home of his grandparents, where he remained for four years. From that time until sixteen years of age, he was a pupil in a soldiers' orphan school. He then began to work on the railroad, first shoveling dirt on a section, later working as brakeman at Mill Creek, and then coming to Carbondale, where he continued as brakeman. In 1881 he was promoted to the position of engineer, an advancement justly merited, for he has always been industrious, reliable and efficient, and is among the best engineers on the road.

Politically Mr. Gardner advocates Republican principles. The fact that he is a man of strict integrity and one to be trusted in any position, led to his election as a member of the board of special council for the city, and in that capacity he served for two years, being meanwhile a member of the important committees. In 1883 he was united in marriage with Miss Harriet, daughter of H. B. Curtis, of Wayne County. Two children were born of their union, but the older, Ray, died in 1892, at the age of five years. The parents and their surviving son, Burdette Curtis, reside at No. 80 Cemetery Street. In religious views Mr. Gardner is connected with the Baptist Church, to which his wife also belongs. Industrious and thrifty, possessing good judgment in financial matters, he has not only become the owner of a pleasant home, but in addition has purchased a farm of one hundred and forty acres in Wayne County, all of which he has made by his unaided exertions--a fact that speaks well for his perseverance and ability.

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